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TO AMEMBASSY CARACAS IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: BILATERAL CIVAIR CONSULTATIONS

REF: CARACAS 4285

1. EMBASSY REQUESTED ADVISE VENEZUELAN AUTHORITIES THAT
US ACCEPTS INVITATION TO HOLD CONSULTATIONS IN CARACAS
DURING WEEK OF MAY 22. USDEL PROPOSES THAT TALKS TAKE
PLACE MAY 24-26. USDEL WILL BE LED BY MICHAEL H. STYLES,
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF AVIATION, AND WILL INCLUDE REPRESENTA-
TIVES FROM CAB AND DOT, AS WELL AS TECHNICAL ADVISERS.

2. ARRANGEMENT MENTIONED REFTTEL PERMITS PAN AM CONTINUE
ITS TWICE WEEKLY 747 FLIGHTS BEYOND CARACAS TO RIO AND
BUENOS AIRES, BUT PREVENTS PAN AM FROM CARRYING LOCAL
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CARACAS-BUENOS AIRES TRAFFIC ON THESE FLIGHTS. PAN AM MAY
CARRY SUCH TRAFFIC BETWEEN CARACAS AND RIO BUT WILL BE
FORCED TO TURN IT OVER TO A THIRD COUNTRY AIRLINE BETWEEN
RIO AND BUENOS AIRES. PAN AM NEW YORK FEELS ARRANGEMENT
WHICH CAME OUT OF SUAREZ/LUTZ MEETING WAS IMPOSED ON IT,
RATHER THAN AGREED, AND DESIRES OBTAIN RELIEF FROM THE
ONEROUS CONDITIONS WHICH INCONVENIENCE PASSENGERS WITHOUT

ANY APPARENT BENEFIT TO GOV OR VIASA. PAN AM PLANS TO COLLECT DATA ON PASSENGERS WHO HAVE TO BE TURNED OVER AT

RIO ON FIRST FLIGHT SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS (MAY 14 FLIGHT) AND PROPOSES THAT EMBASSY USE THESE DATA IN APPROACH TO VENEZUELANS TO SEEK RELIEF. DEPT HAS NO OBJECTION TO EMBASSY DOING THIS, BUT LEAVES TO ITS JUDGMENT WHETHER IT SHOULD OR WHETHER PAN AM SHOULD MAKE APPROACH DIRECTLY.

3. HOWEVER, DEPT BELIEVES THAT VENEZUELAN RESTRICTIONS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO PASS WITHOUT SOME OFFICIAL NOTICE ON OUR PART. THEREFORE, WHEN ADVISING VENEZUELANS OF OUR AGREEMENT TO EARLY CONSULTATION DATES, EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS ORALLY:

A. WE REGARD RESTRICTIONS AS INTERIM ONES PENDING CONSULTATIONS AND WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO US POSITION.

B. RESTRICTIONS APPEAR ONEROUS TO TRAVELING PUBLIC AND WE HOPE VENEZUELANS CAN CONSIDER SOME RELIEF IN INTEREST OF TRAVELERS. VANCE

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